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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE ON MIDDLE EAST

1. DURING APRIL 16 CALL BY AMB. BENNETT, UNSYG WALDHEIM DISCUSSED PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST. THE SYG HAD TALKED WITH BOUMEDIENE DURING VISIT TO ALGIERS APRIL 5-6.
 2. WALDHEIM EMPHASIZED BOUMEDIENE'S VIEW THAT ARABS NOT INTERESTED NOW IN NEW MIDDLE EAST WAR. IN THIS CONNECTION BOUMEDIENE HAD REFERRED TO SADAT'S STEPS TO KEEP ALIVE POSSIBILITIES FOR RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM: E.G. OPENING OF SUEZ CANAL AND AGREEMENT TO UNEF RENEWAL. BOUMEDIENE MORE CONCERNED OVER ISRAEL'S INTENTIONS. BOUMEDIENE DID NOT FAVOR GENEVA CONFERENCE WITHOUT MOST CAREFUL PREPARATION.
 3. AMB. BENNETT COMMENTED THAT UNEF CONSULTATIONS HAD GONE WELL. NEITHER HE NOR THE SYG ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS WITH UNEF EXTENSION.
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